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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 4, line 14-15 should read as shown below:

FIG 2. Schematic drawings of the cloning method for hGT. FIG 2 (A) shows positions of the hGT-5Eco, hGT-7Spe, hGT-6Spe, and hGT-2Sal primers used to amplify template DNA for the hGT gene. FIG 2 (B) is a schematic drawing of the preparation of the hGT gene cDNA cloned into pBluescript II SK<sup>+</sup>.

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